

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

Executive Registry

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Attached are two NSA reports that we feel represent analytic efforts. The first is a NID item that disagrees with CIA analysis and goes into the area of net threat assessments.

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The second is an NSA report that postulates a

actual data. No new data are presented in this report.

Paul V. Walsh
A/DDI

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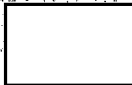
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

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You asked me on 31 March what we are doing to encourage refinement of analytical techniques and development of new ones. The attached memorandum is a very brief response but will give you some idea. I think after you have looked it over we should set up a meeting for a half-hour's discussion of this very important and challenging topic.


E. H. Knoche

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Date 19 April 1977

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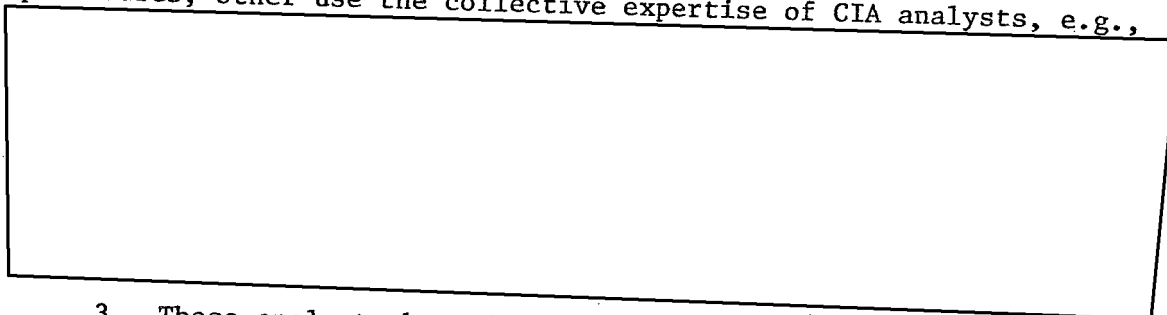
SUBJECT: Development of Analytic Techniques

1. The development of analytic techniques for intelligence purposes has been an activity of high priority in the DDI area for several years. The areas ticked below represent subjects which engage substantial DDI analytical resources:

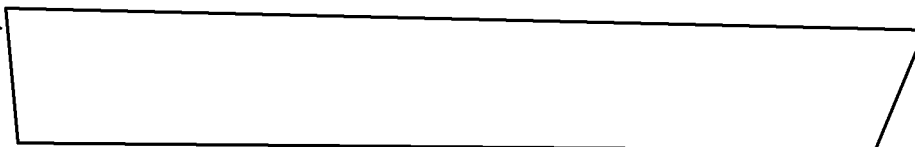
- Our strategic and economic research offices have used innovative approaches to complex intelligence problems.
- The Methods and Forecasting Division in the Office of Regional and Political Analysis studies analytic techniques employed by academia and industry, and then tests, adapts, and applies selected techniques to the needs of political intelligence

We could brief you on the specifics of these activities if you would like.

2. Some ORPA techniques are quantitative and computer-based procedures; other use the collective expertise of CIA analysts, e.g.,



3. These analysts keep in close touch with local research institutes and the academic world.



4. The DDI is not fully equipped to tackle "experimental" projects, but we are aided by the Office of Research and Development. ORD manages:

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5. We agree that we must continue to pursue ways of improving our analytical techniques and indeed will be devoting substantial effort and funding in our program planning.

6. Attached is a rather full description of the work being done on exploratory research in ORD.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director

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Attached is a short answer to the DCI's interest in our analytical techniques. A more complete answer would probably best be done via a briefing.

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31 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Knoche

FROM : Admiral Turner

SUBJECT : Intelligence Analysis

1. Along with your continuing efforts to improve our analytic capabilities, I would like to encourage work both within and outside the Agency in the refinement of existing analytic methods/techniques and the development of new ones.

2. Research on better ways for doing analysis is a logical area for Agency people to work cooperatively and openly with individuals and civilian academic institutions on a common problem. This type of activity can help restore trust and confidence in the Agency, while benefiting both government and the civilian sector.



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